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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices  
(WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

While much has been done in recent years to help erase the digital divide, there remains much work ahead to bring the full benefits of the Internet to everyone. It will require the collaborative efforts of the private and public sectors as well as non-profit organizations.

The Texas Black Legislative Caucus is concerned with any measure that may limit that outreach. The FCC appears committed to regulating the Internet which may work against consumers in general, and minorities in particular, though well intended. As Chairman of the Texas Black Legislative Caucus, I would urge restraint as we explore the full ramifications of regulating the Internet on our constituencies.

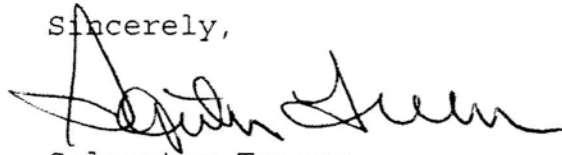
We are fearful that any government action to regulate the Internet may very well lead to less growth, innovation and investment while increasing the cost to the consumer. Such actions may result in disproportionate impact on our constituencies and ultimately work to lessen or reverse the moderate gains we have achieved in addressing the digital divide.

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We welcome the opportunity to hold public hearings on this issue during our interim and would strongly encourage the FCC to consider the consequences of regulation of the Internet and taking any action at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvester Turner', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sylvester Turner